

Regular Session, 2014

SENATE BILL NO. 62

BY SENATOR APPEL

POSTSECONDARY ED. Requires development and use of a common application for state public colleges and universities. (gov sig)

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AN ACT

To enact R.S. 17:3138, relative to public postsecondary education; to provide for the development and implementation of a common application for admission to public institutions of postsecondary education in Louisiana; to allow use of the common application by certain independent colleges and universities; to provide relative to application fees; to allow collection of ancillary information; to provide for an implementation date; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 17:3138 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§3138. Louisiana common application; development; implementation

A.(1) The Board of Regents, in collaboration with the public postsecondary education management boards, shall provide for the development and implementation of a common application whereby Louisiana residents and nonresidents may apply to any public college and university in the state.

(2) Regionally accredited independent colleges and universities that are members of the Louisiana Association of Independent Colleges and Universities

1 may also utilize the Louisiana common application.

2 B. Each public college and university shall accept the Louisiana common
3 application, which a student may complete one time and submit to as many
4 institutions as he wishes to apply. Applications may be submitted electronically
5 or in a paper format, as specified by the individual postsecondary institution.

6 C. Each public college and university may impose such application fees
7 as may be allowed by law and shall be allowed to separately collect such
8 supplemental documentation and information as it deems necessary to properly
9 evaluate the student's application.

10 D. Notwithstanding the provisions of Subsection B of this Section, if a
11 student chooses to utilize the "Common Application" developed and
12 administered by the not-for-profit membership organization, The Common
13 Application, Inc., a public college or university may accept such application in
14 lieu of the Louisiana common application required by this Section.

15 E. The Louisiana common application shall be fully implemented and
16 available to students applying for admission for the 2015-2016 academic year.

17 F. The provisions of this Section shall not apply to graduate or
18 professional schools or degree programs.

19 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
20 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
21 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
22 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
23 effective on the day following such approval.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Jeanne C. Johnston.

DIGEST

Appel (SB 62)

Proposed law provides for a Louisiana common application for public colleges and universities as follows:

- (1) Requires the Board of Regents, in collaboration with the public postsecondary education management boards, to provide for the development and implementation

- of a common application whereby Louisiana residents and nonresidents may apply to any public college and university in the state.
- (2) Provides that independent colleges and universities that are members of the La. Assoc. of Independent Colleges and Universities may utilize the La. common application.
 - (3) Requires each public college and university to accept the Louisiana common application.
 - (4) Provides that a student may complete the application one time and submit to as many institutions as he wishes to apply.
 - (5) Provides that applications may be submitted electronically or in a paper format, as specified by the individual postsecondary institution.
 - (6) Allows each public college and university to impose its customary application fee and to separately collect such supplemental documentation and information as it deems necessary to properly evaluate a student's application.

Proposed law provides that if a student chooses to utilize the "Common Application" developed and administered by the not-for-profit membership organization, The Common Application, Inc., a public college and university may accept such application in lieu of the La. common application required by proposed law.

Proposed law provides that the Louisiana common application shall be fully implemented and available to students applying for admission for the 2015-2016 academic year.

Proposed law provides that proposed law shall not apply to graduate or professional schools or degree programs.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 17:3138)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Education to the original bill

1. Provides that proposed law does not apply to graduate or professional schools or degree programs.